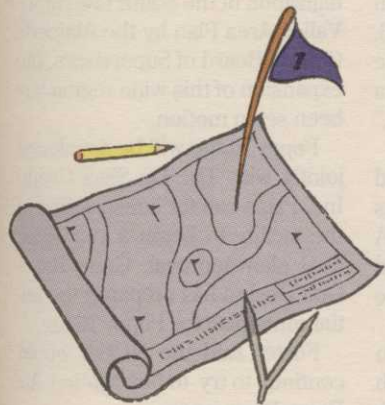


## BRIEFS

**INDUSTRIAL PARK PROTOTYPE PROCEEDS**

PEACHTREE CITY, Ga. — Several industrial parks built within golf courses are planned by Peachtree City Development Corp. PCDC is building its prototype, an upscale business park for high-tech companies in this community 30 miles south of Atlanta. The 125-acre Southpark International will be ringed by the first nine holes of the new Planterra Ridge Golf Course. Business sites from two to 35 acres will have frontage on the course. A country club, including swimming pool, tennis courts and restaurant, also will be located within Southpark. Southpark is designed for light manufacturing and research and development companies and distribution facilities.

**REC DEVELOPMENT EXPANDS**

NORCROSS, Ga. — Recreational Development Consultants Ltd. of Easton, Md., has opened a new office here. Recreational Development's Bob Rauch, who designed Tour 18 in Houston, has hired Richard Mandell to man the Georgia office. A golf course architect, Mandell worked with Dan Maples in 1990 and 1991 and for Denis Griffiths in 1992. A Rye, N.Y., native, Mandell earned a bachelor's degree in landscape architecture from the University of Georgia in 1990. The new office is located at 1405 Tree Corners Parkway.

**OAK GROVE ISLAND CLUB PROGRESSES**

Golf course construction is underway at the Oak Grove Island Club in Brunswick, Ga. Designed by Mike Young Designs of Watkinsville, Ga., the new 18-hole, par-72 layout is expected to open in September. Upon completion, the 7000-yard, daily-fee course will offer golfers outstanding views of the marsh areas surrounding the site. The course is being built in conjunction with a 500-acre development that will feature single-family homes.

**NO MORE MONTHLY COURSE LISTS**

*Golf Course News* will no longer publish its monthly list of newly planned and newly approved golf courses in the United States. Those lists — which have been run in *GCN* for four years — are a centerpiece of the publication's new *Golf Course News Development Letter*, which began in January. The bi-weekly newsletter is available for a \$195-per-year subscription. The course lists will be run in the newspaper on occasion.

## Test green? Schreiner's gone 17 better

By MARK LESLIE

For a meager \$15,000 the Clay County Parks Department has ensured it can monitor and, if necessary, treat water exiting the greens on its new golf course in Smithville, Mo.

"This will be included in every course I design," said Outlaw Golf Course architect Craig Schreiner of Kansas City. "I think you will see a trend start here."

The Outlaw, which will be grassed this spring, could be the supreme test, sitting on the edge of the 7,000-acre Smithville Reservoir, which provides the domestic water for Kansas City and northern suburbs.

Part and parcel of Schreiner's design is

an infrastructure to collect leachate from the greens. Collection mains beneath the greens route leachate through a four-inch drain tile and into the top of the 48-cubic-foot collection basins — simply prefabricated manholes. Leachate will flow into the basins, then through reactivated Grade C carbon before flowing through an exit pipe out into the reservoir. The manufacturer of the carbon will pick it up and reprocess it once it has reached its capacity — "probably no more than every five years," Schreiner said.

"We hope to prove that water exiting through the greens and draining into the local streams and lakes is cleaner than the irrigation water we use," Schreiner said.

"I'm convinced the sand and turfgrass do an incredible amount of cleansing, tying up much more of the chemicals than people perceive. And the carbon should be able to clean any nitrates and potash that do work through. Phosphorus will have to be cleaned with alum, if the concentration is high enough."

Schreiner bases his beliefs on studies done by Dr. Thomas Watschke at Penn State, Dr. Richard Cooper at the University of Massachusetts and others, as well as two years of similar tests performed on a green at Baker National Golf Course in Medina, Minn.

At Baker National — a course designed

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## Palmer track a lesson in history

SPRING ISLAND, S.C. — Archaeological as well as wetlands preservation played a key role in a new Arnold Palmer- and Ed Seay-designed golf course here — Old Tabby Golf Links.

On the east side of the 3,000-acre island, just beyond the 18th fairway, lie the tabby ruins of the Edwards Plantation Mansion.

Thus the name Old Tabby, and the high interest of the South Carolina Institute of Archives and History, which worked with Palmer Course Design Co., engineers and Spring Island Development Co.

The late-18th century ruins are from a cotton plantation — some of whose structures were constructed

of "tabby," a mortar consisting of shells, clays and other natural materials on the island.

The Edwards Mansion adjoins the 9th and 18th holes.

Keeping the theme, tabby retaining walls were built throughout the course, including one that encircles the island green of the 370-yard 15th hole.



Old Tabby Golf Links' 17th hole is flanked by a lagoon to the left, marshland to the right and the Chechessee River behind the green. The 197-yard gem — part of a development on Spring Island, S.C. — was designed by Arnold Palmer and Ed Seay.

Photo courtesy of Palmer Course Design Co.

Also throughout the property are ponds fed by freshwater springs, marshes, rivers and creeks. One-third of the island is being set aside as a nature preserve.

The end result is one that makes Palmer and Seay exuberant about the quality of course they have designed for the Ridgeland development firm.

Fairways wind through old hunting fields, past golden marsh and along a forest of 300-year-old oaks.

A 500-home development is planned for the island, with amenities including bridle paths, trap an skeet shooting and boating facilities.

The course is expected to open April 19.

## Former Soviet Union explores new frontier: Tourism

By MARK LESLIE

POC'ET, Far East Territory, Russia — American and Russian developers expect to build a major destination resort, The Peninsula, boasting six to eight golf courses on a peninsula south of Vladivostok on the Sea of Japan.

The American firm Golf Management International (GMI) is forming the joint venture with Dalso, a government consortium appointed to develop the 8,000-acre piece of land which sits on the seven by 2-1/2-mile peninsula.

American golf course architects Jack Snyder and Forrest Richardson of Phoenix, Arizona, will design several of the courses and Frank Lloyd Wright under study Vernon Swaback of Scottsdale, Arizona, is the land planner.

"The Far East will become the gateway to Russia. And they want

Joint venture would create multi-course vacation spot south of Vladivostok



to make this their creme-de-la-creme destination resort," GMI Vice President Turner Reaney said from his Arizona Biltmore Country Club headquarters in Phoenix, Arizona, U.S.A.

The Peninsula will be built with Western technology but a Russian flair, said Richardson.

A small airport will be built on land near the peninsula — just a one-hour flight from Tokyo and two hours from Korea, Reaney said. He added that Alaska Airlines expects to begin twice-weekly service to Vladivostok in June. Aeroflot is the only other airline with flights to the airport now, but developers hope Japan Air Lines and Korea Air enter the marketplace later.

"It's an amazing project,"

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